



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: December 13th 2020 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Services:

Date	Time	Venue	Service
Sunday 13 th	10.00	Saint Michael's	Holy Communion
<i>Advent III</i>	11.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 th	10.00	Saint Michael's	Carol Service
<i>Advent IV</i>	10.30	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Holy Communion
	11.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Carol Service
	11.15	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Carol Service

COLLECTS AND READINGS

The Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ◆ then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter ◆ and our tongue with songs of joy.
Then said they among the nations, ◆ 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ◆ and therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ◆ as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears ♦ shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-24: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Saint John I: 6-8, 19-28: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Post Communion Prayer: Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts. Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers about the Coronavirus outbreak: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv and the Cathedral website (www.saintmaryscathedral.ie) within the 90 days following the service. After that time recordings will be destroyed however exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral required it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on both websites www.churchservices.tv and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie and/or other communication channels of the Cathedral). If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office.
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THIS WEEKS NOTICES

Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to the Rev'd Arthur Nash and his family on the death of his sister Rayleen on the 5th. of December in Vancouver, Canada following a number of years of failing health. Rayleen and Arthur's father the Rev'd Reginald Nash was Rector of Trinity Church and Archdeacon of Limerick, retiring in 1968 following the closure of Trinity. Despite living so far away the family have always maintained a strong connection with Limerick.

Advent Course in LCP: The short weekly course during Advent entitled 'Finding meaning in Advent', continues this Tuesday at 8pm. Each week will last a max of 30 mins and will be conducted via Zoom. A guest speaker will talk on a chosen piece from Art, Music, Drama and Poetry and its relationship to the Advent story. Each talk (which lasts a max of 15mins) will be followed by 15 min group discussion/comment. If you are interested in joining this, please email dean@limerick.anglican.org. Please see attached notice for more information. A link for the course will be emailed to all interested parties on Tuesday afternoon. Attendance at all sessions is not a requirement for signing up.

The Adventures of Mary & Joseph: The Road Movie tells the Christmas story in 9 entertaining episodes which may be found here - www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/resource/making-most-paperlesschristmas

Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal: We are again collecting dry goods for the larders in three hostels in the City: Thomond House, St. Patrick's Men's Hostel, Clare Street and Brother Stephen Russell Home. Toiletries and small items of clothing such as gloves, socks, scarves, etc. are also most welcome. Collection baskets will be in the Cathedral and Saint Michael's this Sunday and on Sunday 13th December but other arrangements for collecting items can be arranged. Please call Margaret on 087 2200216.

Christmas Blue Service: We are conscious that Christmas is not a joyful time for everyone. Some people have experienced loss and Christmas maybe a struggle to journey through. With this in mind, the Clergy will be leading a short reflective service at 4pm on Saturday 18th December in the Cathedral. All Welcome.

Cathedral pop-up shop: Saint Mary's Cathedral is delighted to announce a 'Christmas pop-up shop' on Saturday 12th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December from 11am to 3pm each day. Handmade crafts, toddlers knitwear, stocking fillers, gifts and Christmas cards will be available.

Saint Michael's Click & Collect: Further to requests from a few people for these items, a few ladies in St Michael's have decided to do a small fundraiser for St Michael's by way of providing food items for sale. If you would like to order or have any questions, please email traceylyttle@gmail.com or call her on 086-6486197. This is only running for the next two weeks so please get your orders in early so that we can facilitate the same. We would be very grateful for your support and hopefully you will enjoy the products on offer.

A bit of fun: As you may be aware the Limerick hurling team are playing in the All-Ireland Final this Sunday. We have been invited to 'don the green', in support of our county team – will you rise to the challenge?

Newslink 2021: As you are aware, the Newslink magazine covers news and information from the churches and schools around the United Dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert, it's a bright colourful magazine which is full of news and events.

Advance Notice: This year we have an option in how we receive the Newslink 2021:-

COST : €40 for the Magazine this includes delivery 'to the pew' for 10 issues in 2021.

Or €30 for the new e-Newslink (PDF) for 10 issues in 2021.

Booking forms will be sent out with the December edition to our regular subscribers, if you need more information or would like to receive Newslink 2021 please contact Gillian Cheatley (LCP Local

Distributor) or The Dean. The Newslink team of Ros, Janet and Gordan are working very hard to improve the magazine, please continues to support them. Consider a Gift Voucher for an annual subscription to your person of choice, If interested, Contact Janet Bray on newslink@limerick.anglican.org – it's a great Christmas Gift for someone special.

Shopping Local: Please remember the importance of buying Irish and supporting local shops and businesses, they really need our support and goodwill this year! Remember shopping local, rather than online, provides jobs for local people and keeps money in the community. We can make a difference by supporting one another!

Livestreaming: Log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Services will be on air at 11.15am on Sundays and 10.30am on Thursdays.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Odile Knight, Fritz Eckhardt, Sylvia Morrow, Joe Connolly, Roy Mc Cormack, Marie Louise Kearney, Olive Stanley-Wetzeland & Joe Ischner.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* Our own Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe as we prepare to unite with the Diocese of Tuam, Killala & Achonry, for our Bishop Kenneth Kearon & for Bishop Patrick Rooke. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) and Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands. *Diocese:* The Roscrea Group of parishes, Canon Jane Galbraith and the congregations of St Cronan's Roscrea, St Burchin's Bourney, Christ Church Corbally and St Molua's Kyle.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Anne Greenaway, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Lorraine McCarthy, John Nix, Archie Brown, Terry Cusack, Sylvia Martin, Norman Lynas, Joe Boyle, Pat Fogarty, Frank Sheahan, William Morrissey, Emily, Lorraine McCarthy, Moira Lowry and Alice O'Connell.

NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email your prayer request to limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com. Under GDPR regulations please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s) before submitting a name. For confidentiality reasons the clergy would appreciate NOT being asked on the status of people. Whilst we appreciate people are showing care and concern, it can compromise the relationship between pastor and parishioner. Thank you.

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